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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No. Q64982

Kenji TSUKADA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/881,662

Group Art Unit: 2861

Confirmation No. 6948

Examiner: Vo, ANH TN

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: LIQUID CHARGING METHOD, LIQUID CONTAINER, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A liquid charging method for charging a liquid container with a liquid, said liquid container being provided with a piezo-electric device for detecting a consumption condition of said liquid in said liquid container, said piezo-electric device being provided with a cavity connecting to an inside of said liquid container and said cavity contacting said liquid, comprising the steps of:

reducing a pressure in said liquid container to a pressure lower than an atmospheric pressure; and